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CHILEAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON RECOMMENDS STATEMENT TO BE
ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT ON MURDER INVESTIGATION

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FM WASHINGTON: CHILEAN AMBASSADOR CAUAS

TO SANTIAGO: FOREIGN MINISTRY

22 FEB 78 URGENT 244-245

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TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE VICE FOREIGN MINISTER.

1. DURING HIS USUAL PRESS CONFERENCE ((THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN)) *SAID, IN REGARD TO THE SENDING OF THE LETTERS *ROGATORY CONCERNING THE CASE OF THE FORMER CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON: 'THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN WASHINGTON HAS SENT SUCH A REQUEST THROUGH THE FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT HERE TO THE CHILEAN SUPREME COURT. THIS REQUEST IS FOR TESTIMONY BY CERTAIN CHILEAN MILITARY OFFICERS. THEY GO THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AND THE DOCUMENTS WERE SENT TO OUR EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO FOR DELIVERY BY OUR EMBASSY TO THE CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTRY.' ((GA))

IN *RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THESE PERSONS MUST COME TO THE UNITED STATES TO TESTIFY, HE *SAID: 'I BELIEVE IT WOULD REQUEST STATEMENTS THERE AND NOT THEIR RETURN HERE. BUT THE FACT OF THIS REQUEST IN NO WAY SHOULD BE TAKEN AS A PRESUMPTION OF GUILT. I AM NOT TRYING TO LEAVE THE IMPRESSION OF GUILT HERE.' ((A))

2. IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY OF WIDE-RANGING INTERNATIONAL REPERCUSSIONS, I SUGGEST THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IMMEDIATELY ISSUE A STATEMENT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE AMONG OTHERS, THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

4) NOTE NR. 193 OF 21 SEPTEMBER 1976 FROM OUR AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, WHICH STATES:

*HAVING HEARD OF THIS OMINOUS ACT, WHICH HAS COST THE LIVES OF A FORMER CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES AND ONE OF HIS SONS, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT,

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CHILEAN AMBASSADOR REPORTS ON MEETING WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY OF

STATE RE INVESTIGATION OF DEATH OF FORMER CHILEAN AMBASSADOR

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FM WASHINGTON: CHILEAN AMBASSADOR CAUAS

TO SANTIAGO: FOREIGN MINISTRY

17 FEB 78 213-219

((EXTRACT))((A))

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TO THE MINISTER

REFERENCE MY TELEX NRS. 208((B)) AND 209((C)).

1. AT 1530 HOURS, I HAD A MEETING WITH ((THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE)), WHO TOLD ME THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO INFORM ME THAT THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WAS SENDING LETTERS *ROGATORY OR INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE CHILEAN SUPREME COURT IN REGARD TO THE CASE OF ((THE FORMER CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON)). HE TOLD ME THAT THE MATTER WAS REFLECTED IN THE AIDE-MEMOIRE WHICH I AM TRANSMITTING BELOW: ...((A))

...2.. HE ALSO GAVE ME A COPY OF LETTERS *ROGATORY NR. 78-0027 IN ENGLISH, AS WELL AS A SPANISH TRANSLATION WHICH I AM TRANSCRIBING BELOW: ...((A))

...3. HE THEN INFORMED ME THAT ((THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CHILE)) WAS SIMULTANEOUSLY INFORMING YOU OF THE ABOVE AND THAT THE SEALED ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE QUESTIONS THAT THE PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE DOCUMENTS ARE REQUESTED TO ANSWER WOULD BE SENT, THROUGH YOU, TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR FORWARDING TO THE SUPREME COURT. HE ALSO INFORMED ME THAT TODAY, OUR CONSULATE WILL BE ASKED TO CERTIFY THE RESPECTIVE DOCUMENTS WHICH WILL BE SENT TO CHILE IN ITS POUCH, FOR PRESENTATION TO YOU BY ((THE U.S. AMBASSADOR)) DURING THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK, A PROCEDURE WHICH THEY HAVE JUST COMPLETED (1640 HOURS).

4. FINALLY, I WAS INFORMED THAT THIS TYPE OF JUDICIAL ACTION WAS REPORTED PUBLICLY BY THE COURT ONCE IT HAS BEEN COMPLETED. THAT NOTIFICATION WILL CONSIST OF THE DOCUMENT WHICH I SENT IN POINT 2 OF THIS TELEX AND WILL BE DELIVERED NEXT TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY.

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